

## 66th MPs help Iraqi Police sustain and progress

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DIWANIYA, Iraq – On any given day, the Military Police Soldiers of 3rd Platoon, 66th Military Police Company, attached to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, visit the Iraqi Police (IP) stations in the Diwaniya area and work with the police officers.

This is done to ensure that when the MPs leave, they can feel confident that the Iraqi Police force will be ready.

The MPs purpose for visiting the IP stations is to assess the IPs' patrol plans and use of personnel, and determine the stations' resource needs.

The 3rd Platoon MPs visit three or four of the 15 IP stations in Diwaniya daily.

Recently, they visited a police station in the Jazaar district, the Diwaniya headquarters of the Emergency Services Unit – a special Iraqi Police unit that responds to major incidents around the city, and the Diwaniya Police Headquarters.

The MPs' goal in doing these assessments, which have been going on for about a month, is to help the Iraqi Police obtain needed resources such as radios, vehicles, weapons, and building space.

"The IPs, for the most part, want to do a good job but they're hurting on supplies," said Sgt. Jason Picanco, a 3rd Platoon squad leader.



1st Lt. Thomas Mott, platoon leader, 3rd Platoon, 66th MP Co., coordinates joint patrols between Iraqi Police and American forces with the Deputy Chief of Iraqi Police for the Qadasiyah Province Brig. Gen. Hamid Abed Zaid, at the Diwaniya Iraqi Police Headquarters.

"These guys are just like any new police force," added Sgt. Michael Chikar, also a squad leader with 3rd Platoon. "They've got their problems, but at the same time they have wonderful potential."

In addition to making the rounds and visiting the IP stations, the MPs have been meeting with the Deputy Chief of Iraqi Police for the Qadasiyah Province, Brig. Gen. Hamid Abed Zaid.

According to 1st Lt. Thomas Mott, 3rd Platoon leader, the purpose for visiting Zaid was to coordinate joint patrols between American units and Iraqi Police units in order to give them some on-the-job training and supervision.

Although they have been

working with the Diwaniya police for a few weeks, the MPs have worked with IPs in other cities such as Karbala and Al Hillah.

It will be some time before they can move on from Diwaniya, but the MPs are optimistic about the progress the Iraqi Police here have already made, said Mott.

"We've been seeing vast improvements on an almost daily basis," said Chikar. "They're beginning to understand their jobs better and what they're expected to do."

By the time 3rd Platoon leaves Diwaniya, they will see an effective Iraqi Police force patrolling the streets.



## Quote of the Day...

*"Power is not revealed by striking hard or often, but by striking true."*

-- Honoré de Balzac (1799-1850), French writer



Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment watch over Iraqi workers in Al Kut. The coalition has given \$99,000 for local contractors and 150 local workers to renovate an abandoned amusement park in that Iraqi city. When reopened, the park will be free to the public. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Katherine M Roth)

## Oddly Enough...

### Firefighters Return to Find Station on Fire

DALLAS (Reuters) - Firefighters in a Dallas suburb returned to their station to find a fire started by potatoes they left cooking on a stove, officials said on Friday.

The fire caused about \$125,000 in damages to the station in Lancaster, a southern suburb of Dallas, said Fire Marshal Ladis Barr.

The blaze was extinguished late Thursday night with the help of firefighters from other stations. It damaged the kitchen and living area.

Fire officials also wanted to remind the public to make sure not to leave food cooking before stepping out.

## Chaplain's Thought for the Day...

### Look before you Leap

Abraham Lincoln, on hearing a friend speak angrily of someone, advised him to sit down and put all his abuse into a letter. "It will do you good", he said. When the letter was written, the man read it to President Lincoln, who commended him heartily for its severity. Pleased, the man asked Lincoln, "Would you advise me to send it?" "Send it?" replied Lincoln, "Oh, I wouldn't send it. I sometimes write a letter like that - it does me good, but I never send it." Ambrose Bierce reflected the same wisdom when he said "Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret." In marriage, or for that matter in any relationship, words spoken in anger and haste often result in emotional wounds that can take years to heal. When angry, "Look before you leap", and consider the impact of your words before they are spoken. You might decide, like President Lincoln, "just not to send that letter."

## Today in History...

(Historynet.com)

**1652** Massachusetts declares itself an independent commonwealth.

**1767** The British parliament passes the Townshend Revenue Act, levying taxes on America.

**1862** Union forces, falling back from Richmond, fight at the Battle of Savage's Station.

**1903** The British government officially protests Belgian atrocities in the Congo.

**1917** The Ukraine proclaims independence from Russia.

**1925** An earthquake ravages Santa Barbara, California.

**1926** Fascists in Rome add an hour to the work day in an economic efficiency measure.

**1938** Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado, and Olympic National Park, Washington, are founded.

**1950** President Harry S. Truman authorizes a sea blockade of Korea.

**1951** The United States invites the Soviet Union to the Korean peace talks on a ship in Wonson Harbor.

**1955** The Soviet Union sends tanks to Pozan, Poland, to put down anti-Communist demonstrations.

**1966** The U.S. Air Force bombs fuel storage facilities near Hanoi, North Vietnam.

**1967** Israel removes barricades, re-unifying Jerusalem.

**1970** U.S. troops pull out of Cambodia.

**1982** Israel invades Lebanon.





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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	SPORTSCENTER (NN)				HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	00:00
00:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD (NN)			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS (NN)	00:30
01:00	COLLEGE BASEBALL (NN) - COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP GM 3 (IF); TEXAS VS CAL STATE FULLERTON	THE HOT LIST (NN)	THE WILD THORNBERRIES (TVY): - APRIL FOOL'S DAY	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT (NN)	01:00
01:30		WIMBLEDON TENNIS TOURNAMENT (NN) - TODAY AT WIMBLEDON - ROUND OF 16	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - SANDY, SPONGEBOB & THE WORM/ SQUID ON STRIKE		CBS EVENING NEWS (NN)	01:30
02:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - TREE HOUSE OF HORRORS V	SAGWA	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN (NN)	02:00
02:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - FONZIE'S GETTING MARRIED	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		02:30
03:00			ED (TVPG): - NEW SCHOOL	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES (NN)	03:00
04:00	MLB (NN) - TEXAS RANGERS @ SEATTLE MARINERS	ESPNEWS (NN)	ER (TVPG): - TELL ME WHERE IT HURTS	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	THE NEWSHOUR (NN)	04:00
04:30		ESPNEWS (NN)				04:30
05:00		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	THE RESIDENTS (TV14): - CODE BLUE	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS (NN)	BET NIGHTLY NEWS (NN)	05:00
05:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT (NN)	05:30
06:00		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	THE SUN ALSO RISES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD (NN)	LARRY KING LIVE (NN)	06:00
06:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		06:25
06:30		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)				06:30
07:00	BALLROOM BOXING (NN)	SESAME STREET			NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN (NN)	07:00
07:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		07:13
08:00	SPORTSCENTER (NN)	SAGWA		ARTHUR (TVY): - ARTHUR'S FAMILY FEUD/ MUFFY GETS MATURE	PAULA ZAHN NOW (NN)	08:00
08:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - NIGHT OF THE LIVING DOUGS		08:30
09:00	NHRA AUTO RACING (NN) - SEARS CRAFTSMAN NATIONALS: FINAL ROUND	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRIES (TVY): - APRIL FOOL'S DAY	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - OBSESSION	NIGHTLINE (NN)	09:00
09:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - SANDY, SPONGEBOB & THE WORM/ SQUID ON STRIKE	ALL THAT!	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS (NN)	09:30
09:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				09:46
10:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - TREE HOUSE OF HORRORS V	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS (NN)	10:00
10:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - FONZIE'S GETTING MARRIED	HEADLINE NEWS (NN)		10:30
10:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				10:35
11:00	SPORTSCENTER (NN)		ED (TVPG): - NEW SCHOOL	ESPNEWS	CNN DAYBREAK (NN)	11:00
11:07		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				11:07
11:30				PACIFIC REPORT (NN)		11:30
12:00	MLB (NN) - BALTIMORE ORIOLES @ KANSAS CITY ROYALS	HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	ER (TVPG): - TELL ME WHERE IT HURTS	7TH HEAVEN (TVPG): - WHEN BAD CONVERSATIONS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE	THE O'REILLY FACTOR (NN)	12:00
12:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				12:30
13:00		TODAY (NN)	THE RESIDENTS (TV14): - CODE BLUE	AUSTIN POWERS: GOLDMEMBER	GOOD MORNING AMERICA (NN)	13:00
14:00			THE SUN ALSO RISES			14:00
15:00	SPORTSCENTER (NN)	ARTHUR (TVY): - ARTHUR'S FAMILY FEUD/ MUFFY GETS MATURE		PACIFIC REPORT (NN)	HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	15:00
15:30		DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - NIGHT OF THE LIVING DOUGS		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING (NN)	15:30
16:00	WIMBLEDON TENNIS TOURNAMENT (NN) - WAKE UP TO WIMBLEDON	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - OBSESSION			THE EARLY SHOW (NN)	16:00
16:30		ALL THAT!	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER (NN)	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRIES (TVY): - APRIL FOOL'S DAY			17:00
17:30		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - SANDY, SPONGEBOB & THE WORM/ SQUID ON STRIKE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD (NN)		17:30
18:00	WIMBLEDON TENNIS TOURNAMENT (NN) - WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - TREE HOUSE OF HORRORS V	102 DALMATIANS	FOX NEWS LIVE (NN)	18:00
18:30		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - FONZIE'S GETTING MARRIED			18:30
19:00		7TH HEAVEN (TVPG): - WHEN BAD CONVERSATIONS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE	ED (TVPG): - NEW SCHOOL		FOX NEWS LIVE (NN)	19:00
20:00		AUSTIN POWERS: GOLDMEMBER	ER (TVPG): - TELL ME WHERE IT HURTS	DEEP IMPACT	FOX NEWS LIVE (NN)	20:00
21:00			THE RESIDENTS (TV14): - CODE BLUE		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	21:00
21:30					INSIDE POLITICS (NN)	21:30
22:00	THE HOT LIST (NN)	HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	THE SUN ALSO RISES	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		22:00
22:30	THE HOT LIST (NN)	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS (NN)	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS (NN)	22:30
23:00	AROUND THE HORN (NN)			TODAY (NN)	LESTER HOLT LIVE (NN)	23:00
23:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION (NN)	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				23:30